

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An abstract information drop box defined as a cell with the following properties:
  - [a] it is addressable via an email Address;
  - [b] it can store a variety of structured and unstructured data and data types including Mails, Files, XML, and other data formats with data inside cell organized in folders;
  - [c] data in the cell can have different storage life cycles;
  - [d] data can be stored, retrieved, removed and manipulated using a variety of different protocols;
  - [e] it provides application services including event notification, calling registered event handles and forwarding of data; and
  - [f] can be replicated and organized in a hierarchy or other relationships.
2. A plurality of cells as defined in claim 1 and arranged and connected as a grid.

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